



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 28, 2009

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

McCloskey Room

Suggested Time

6:30 PM

I. Call to Order

II. Election of Officers

A. Chair

B. Vice-Chair

III. Approval of Minutes:

A. November 19, 2008

IV. Communications from the Chair

V. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

VI. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. Complete Streets Policy

7:00 PM

VII. Old Business

A. Long Range Vision Statement Discussion

7:30 PM

VIII. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

a. Safe Routes to School Grant Award (MCCSC)

Recommendation Requested

b. Highway Safety Improvement Grant Award (Bloomington)

Recommendation Requested

IX. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas

X. Upcoming Meetings

A. Technical Advisory Committee – February 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)

B. Citizens Advisory Committee – February 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

C. Policy Committee – March 13, 2009 at 1:30pm (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment

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DRAFT Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2008 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

*Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner.
Audio recordings from the meeting are available in the Planning Department for full reference.*

Attendance

Citizens Advisory Committee (Voting Members): Chair Jack Baker (McDoel Gardens NA), Vice-Chair Patrick Murray (Prospect Hill NA), John Kehrberg (Citizen), Natalie Wrubel (League of Women Voters), Sarah Ryterband (Prospect Hill NA), Ted Miller (citizen), and Jerry Stasny (Old Northeast NA).

Others In Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Brian Allen (Old Northeast NA), Sarah Costas (Old Northeast NA), Marjorie Hudgins (Old Northeast NA), Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Douglas Norton (Rural Transit), Justin Wykoff (Bloomington Engineering Dept.), Raymond Hess (BMCMPPO Staff), and Scott Robinson (BMCMPPO staff).

I. Call to Order (~6:30 PM)

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 22, 2008 meeting were accepted by the CAC.

III. Communications from the Chair

Mr. Baker reported that the Policy Committee adopted the TIP amendments for Bloomington Transit's Hybrid buses and Rural Transit's Operating and Capital budgets. He stated that the Bylaws amendment could not be voted on because the Policy Committee did not have the required 2/3 of its voting members present.

IV. Reports from the Officers and/or Committees

There were no reports.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

Mr. Hess distributed the 2009 meeting schedule. He reviewed the FY 2009 First Quarter Progress Report. He also stated that IU was close to executing a contract with Gorove/Slade and Associates to conduct the North Campus Area Study. Gorove/Slade is the sub-consultant handling the transportation part of the IU Master Plan. Staff will report back to the MPO Committees once the schedule has been set and when public workshops will be held.

VI. Old Business

A. Complete Streets

Mr. Robinson distributed and reviewed a memo which outlined changes made to the draft Complete Streets Policy. Though the policy looks significantly different from the last draft, it functions much the same as it did before. The most significant changes include elimination of design speed language, a change to the applicability section, and an overhaul of the stop work order section. BMCMPPO staff also went through and

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compared the old draft language to the new draft language. As noted by Mr. Miller and Mr. Stasny, an adopted policy could be amended in the future after consideration by all of the Committees. Ms. Ryterband moved to recommend adoption of the policy as presented. Mr. Murray seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Long Range Vision Statement Discussion

Mr. Hess distributed a packet of information which included an email from Steve Forrest, the Vision Statements from the Long Range Transportation Plan, and project prioritization methodologies from Saginaw (MI), Portland (OR), and Denver (CO). Mr. Baker asked the CAC to review the information and come prepared to discuss it at the next meeting. Mr. Hess suggested that the CAC not rush to develop a new policy until the effects of the Complete Streets Policy are known.

VII. New Business

B. Rail Crossing Resolution

Mr. Hess explained the BMCMPPO received two requests to support new at-grade railroad crossings. The City would like to establish a new at-grade crossing where Johnson Ave. would meet the northern end of Basswood Dr. just south of 3rd St. Indiana University would like to close the crossing at Walnut Grove and connect Woodlawn across the railroad tracks. Mr. Hess explained that the BMCMPPO has no authority over the railroad but that a resolution in support of these crossings could help facilitate these crossing requests. Residents from the Old Northeast Neighborhood Association suggested that connecting Dunn Street would provide a better link to the transportation network and serve the community as a whole better than Woodlawn. Mr. Stasny provided a graphic illustrating how the transportation and transit needs would be better served by a Dunn Street connection than a Woodlawn Ave. connection. Ms. Costas expressed concern over the speeds and reckless driving on Woodlawn, 12th, 11th, and Cottage Grove Roads. Mr. Miller suggested that a decision on the Woodlawn crossing wait until the North Campus Area Study is complete since it should shed light on this issue. Mr. Robinson assured the CAC and the residents of the Old Northeast Neighborhood that public involvement opportunities would be available as part of the North Campus Area Study. Mr. Murray motioned that the CAC support the Johnson/Basswood crossing but withhold action on the Woodlawn crossing until the N. Campus Area Study can be taken into consideration. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Baker asked for a motion to suspend the rules since the meeting was running long. Ms. Ryterband so moved and Mr. Murray seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant Application Review

Due to technical difficulties, this agenda item was discussed after the Rail Crossing Resolution. Mr. Hess distributed and reviewed a memo which gave a brief synopsis of the City of Bloomington's request for \$571,875 in HSIP funds to improve the Atwater and Henderson intersection. Mr. Wykoff explained that this intersection has a high number of crashes annually. He explained the project will mitigate the hazards by signalizing and realigning the intersection, and by adding new sidewalks, storm-water



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infrastructure, and signage. Mr. Miller motioned to recommend approval of the City's HSIP application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wrubel and passed unanimously.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas

There were no suggestions.

VI. Upcoming Meetings

- A.** MPO Winter Mixer – December 10, 2008 at 12:00pm (McCloskey Room)
- B.** Policy Committee – January 9, 2009 at 1:30pm (McCloskey Room)
- C.** Technical Advisory Committee – January 28, 2009 at 10:00am (McCloskey Room)
- D.** Citizens Advisory Committee – January 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment (~8:00 PM)

*These minutes were _____ by the CAC at their regular meeting held on January 28, 2009.
(RH 1/28/2009)*

CANCELLED



MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Citizens Advisory Committee Members

From: Raymond Hess, AICP
Senior Transportation Planner

Date: January 21, 2009

Re: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) – Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure Grant Award

In October 2008, the MCCSC was awarded \$75,000 in Safe Routes to School Grant funds from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to conduct school route travel plans for several area schools (Fairview, Tri-North, Highland Park, Arlington Elementary, University, and Binford/Rogers). This project needs to be added to the FY 2009-2012 TIP since SRTS funds are federal funding and the schools being studied are in the urbanized area. The MCCSC requests the TIP be amended (p. 24) as follows:

Monroe County Community School Corporation Projects	Funding Source	Fiscal Year			
		2009	2010	2011	2012
Project: MCCSC School Route Travel Plans	SRTS	\$ 75,000			
Location: Highland Park El., Fairview El., Arlington El., University El, Binford/Rogers El., Tri-North Middle					
Description: Biking and walking campaigns at MCCSC and RBBCSC Schools; walking school bus; International Walk to School Day activities; & bicycle rodeos					
DES#: To be assigned					
Support: MCATGSP BBPTGSP					
Allied Projects: MCCSC Bike Ped Education	TOTAL	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

City of Bloomington – Atwater and Henderson Intersection Improvement

In January 2009, the Policy Committee awarded the City of Bloomington \$571,875 in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds to improve the intersection of Atwater Ave. and Henderson St. The improvements include roadway realignment, new sidewalks, storm-water infrastructure, improved geometrics, and new signage. This project needs to be added to the FY 2009-2012 TIP since HSIP funds are federal funding and the schools being studied are in the urbanized area. The City of Bloomington requests the TIP be amended (p. 31) as follows:

City of Bloomington Projects		Funding Source	Fiscal Year			
			2009	2010	2011	2012
Project: Atwater/Henderson Signal	PE	Local	\$ 103,000			
Location: Intersection of Atwater & Henderson						
Description: Intersection safety improvements and installation of traffic signal	ROW	Local	\$ 40,000			
			\$ 55,125			
DES#: 080043	CON	Local		\$ 30,000		
Support: Crash Report			\$ 571,875			
Allied Projects:		TOTAL	\$ 158,125	\$ 571,875	\$ -	\$ -

Requested Action

The Citizens Advisory Committee is requested to make a recommendation to the Policy Committee on Monroe County Community School Corporation's and the City of Bloomington's requested TIP amendments.

CANCELLED